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LOK SABHA

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PCOS OUT OF ORDER
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether PCOs of all branch post offices of Muzzafarpur District of Bihar are out of order;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor indicating the period of since when they are out of order; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make them functional?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Sir, out of 112 PCOs installed in Branch Post Offices of Muzzafarpur district of Bihar, 78 PCOs are lying out of order.

(b) The PCOs are lying out of order due to break downs on physical lines and non availability of spares. Details of faults are as under :

	Less than 6 months faulty PCOs	6 to 12 months	More than 12months	Total
No. of PCOs faulty.	2	5	71	78

(c) Following steps are being taken to make the PCOs functional:

i) By laying underground cable for PCOs within 5 Kms of exchange area.
ii) Replacing overhead lines by WLL connection.